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Noujaim Named Honorary Chair for Relay for Life



Waterbury Legislator Helps Raise Cancer Research Funds

WATERBURY- State Representative Selim Noujaim (R-Waterbury) has been named Honorary Chairman for the Relay for Life, a 24-hour long walkathon that raises money and awareness for cancer research under the auspices of the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life began 10 years ago in Connecticut, raising funds through pledges to teams that have at least one member walking on a designated track for a 24-hour period. The relay has grown over the years, with eighty teams participating last year, raising over \$250,000. Relay sponsors hope to have over 100 teams participate in the event this year.

“We are proud and excited to have Selim Noujaim serving as Honorary Chair of this event,” said Emma Barone, who is Co-Chairman of the event. “His great energy and enthusiasm in everything he does will certainly be an enormous asset to our cause.”

“I am humbled to have been selected for the Honorary Chair of the event,” said Rep. Noujaim, who has been active with the Relay for life for the past seven years. “Every year this great event grows larger and larger, raising more money and giving greater hope to cancer patients in the effort to find a cure.”

The Relay for Life will take place at the Municipal Stadium in Waterbury on June 11th and 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Representative Noujaim will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Opening Ceremony, which will be followed by the Survivor’s Lap held in honor of cancer survivors. Music and entertainment will also be on hand during the day, with clowns, pony rides and magicians as well as a Kids’ Walk for children to do a lap around the track. There will also be a luminary ceremony with candle-lit bags in honor of cancer survivors, and those who have succumbed to cancer.

The Relay for Life is sponsored at the “Excalibur Level” of over \$10,000 by the Harold Lever cancer Center of Waterbury, the Waterbury Hospital, and St. Mary’s Hospital. Numerous other local sponsors have contributed this year toward making this event a success.